

PRESS RELEASE

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Japan-U.S. Bilateral Exercise (ILEX22-4)

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2022 (IPD22) unit conducted a bilateral exercise with the U.S. Navy in order to strengthen the capability of Japan-U.S. Alliance for effective deterrence and response as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF's tactical capabilities
- (2) To improve interoperability between JMSDF and U.S. Navy

2. Date

July 30

3. Exercise Area

In vicinity of Federated States of Micronesia

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *KIRISAME* (IPD22 Second Surface Unit)
- (2) USN: USNS *CESAR CHAVEZ*

5. Type of exercise

Replenishment at Sea

6. Notes

Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.